

DELIVERY OF SEQUENTIAL INFORMATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

The publisher of sequential issues of information makes these issues available
5 only in sequence and only in accordance with certain rules such as the sequence can
be accessed only for a set number of issues and only in ascending numerical order. A
subscriber requests a subscription to the sequential issues. A service provider creates
and maintains a unique record of the subscription that contains certain subscriber
information. When the subscriber attempts to retrieve an issue, a calculation is made
10 to determine whether the issue requested falls within the rules and time frames
established for delivery of the requested issue. Delivery is accomplished for
acceptable issue numbers via a network.